

St. John Parish

March 21 & 22, 2020

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Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
Mon.	No Mass			Jim Halling
Tues.	No Mass			Betty Flax
Wed.	No Mass			Bernard Schulte
Thurs.	No Mass			Elmer Friess Family
Fri.	No Mass			Stanley Stramel
Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions	
	No Mass			All Parishioners
Sun.	No Mass			Bernie Stegman



A WARM WELCOME to new parishioners! Please introduce yourself to the pastor after Mass. There are family information cards located in the back of church. Feel free to fill out and drop in the collection basket to register.

RENT THE PARISH CENTER: Call Rosann Tasset, 385-2487.

ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CHAIN: If you have someone you would like to have on our prayer chain, please call Lynnette Hessman, at 620-408-8582 or email her at nettemae1984@yahoo.com. You may also request to be added to the calling tree or email list.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Engaged couples, please contact the pastor at least four months in advance to allow sufficient time for necessary marriage preparation. A wedding is tentative until this is completed.

March 23 - 29 Birthdays

March 23	Keith Brack
March 24	Susan Hines, Kayci Rogers
March 25	Ginny Werner, Kelly Barnett
March 27	Becky Downey, Grayson Halling
March 28	Gaylord Moritz
March 29	Misty Tenbrink

Vocation Views: A surprise encounter can turn our lives around. God offers us living water. Come and drink. (John 4:5-42). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: March 14 & 15: \$2,692.00



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: “There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us. And on the far side of every cross we find the newness of life in the Holy Spirit, that new life which will reach its fulfillment in the resurrection. This is our faith. This is our witness before the world”. – St. John Paul II



NEW DIRECTIVES FROM THE BISHOP JOHN BRUNGARDT: After consulting with his Presbyteral Council, Bishop John came out with the following pastoral directives, guidelines and suggestions during the coronavirus crisis:

1. All Masses offered by priests are to be by himself and not open to the public (excepting Funeral Masses covered in my previous directives.

2. The Faithful are encouraged to participate in a live-streamed Mass, I will offer Masses from the chancery chapel. Possibly you have the technology, or there are television/Internet sources.

3. Confirmations, First Reconciliations, First Communion, and Quinceañeras are to be postponed.

4. All parish PSR classes, adult faith formation classes, events and meetings are to be cancelled or postponed.

5. Chrism Mass is not open to the public. Only I and one priest will have the Chrism Mass. Holy Oils distribution will be determined at a later date.

6. All Holy Week liturgies are cancelled. We pray that this health crisis subsides, so that the Candidates and Catechumens may receive their sacraments by the Vigil of Pentecost.

7. Priests will continue to administer Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum as usual, respecting the regulations of nursing homes and hospitals, and calling ahead to the homebound. Normal distribution of Holy Communion to the nursing homes, hospitals, and the homebound is left to the discretion of the priest. The use of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion is to be suspended at this time.

8. I encourage the pastors to keep the Church doors open as much as possible, at least during daylight hours, for the faithful to make a prayerful visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

9. Parishioners should be encouraged to continue sharing their tithe and alms to their parish by electronic giving, checks by postal mail, or by a secure drop-off location in the parish.

Based on the above directives from the bishop, I have suspended the following activities in our Parish: Our Book Discussions on Fridays as well as Stations of the Cross on Fridays.

However, I will continue to offer individual confessions every Saturday at 3 p.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment. Confessions will be heard only behind a screen and not face-to-face.

Please the church will be opened 24/7 for a prayerful visit to the Blessed Sacrament. Hence Individual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays will continue. Find the sign-up sheet at the back of church and sign up.

My Dear People of God, let’s continue to join together in prayer to our Loving God for the health and protection of our diocese, nation and world, and for an end to this crisis. Let us pray our Rosaries, the Stations of the Cross, read our Bibles and do Novenas individually and as a family asking our Mother, Mary, the Saints to pray for us in this time of crisis. We shall conquer do not be afraid. If God is on our side who shall be against us. —Fr. John

If you have any question, please contact me @ 620-385-2212 or 620-617-3946

WORD OF LIFE: “There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small which build up an authentic culture of life . . . Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’ . . . We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (The Gospel of Life 86).

VIBRANT MINISTRY GRANT: Alms in Action, Mark Baalman, Catechist, St. Michael Lacrosse: I would like to thank all the donors for the generous gifts for the grants. We used the money for technology that has been very beneficial.

STEWARDSHIP: March 22, 2020 (4th Sunday of Lent) The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus! “Our essential commitment in life is to preserve and advance constantly in Eucharistic life and Eucharistic piety and to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist.” (Pope John Paul II)